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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT ON COPENHAGEN AND BRUSSELS

MEETINGS OF NINE

1. IN CABINET MEETING JULY 25, JOBERT REPORTED ON MEETINGS IN COPENHAGEN AND BRUSSELS OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF NINE. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF AFP ITEM COVERING JOBERT'S REPORT.

2. "M. MICHEL JOBERT REPORTED ON THE MEETING OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE NINE AT COPENHAGEN. HE IS PARTICULARLY HAPPY

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THAT THE MEETING DEALT PRIMARILY WITH THE QUESTION OF THE

NECESSARY DEFINITION OF A EUROPEAN IDENTITY OVER THE SHORT AND LONG TERM. HE UNDERLINED THAT THE SAME CONCERN WAS EVIDENT IN BRUSSELS AT THE MEETING OF THE EC COUNCIL, WHERE THE IMPORTANT POINT WAS THE PREPARATION OF THE MULTILATERAL COMMERCIAL NEGOTIATIONS OF TOKYO. THE FOREIGN MINISTER INDICATED THAT, CONTRARY TO WHAT HAD BEEN OCCASIONALLY ASSERTED, THERE HAD NOT BEEN ANY STRAINS (TENSION) AT BRUSSELS. FRANCE RECALLED ITS ATTACHMENT TO THE MONETARY ASPECT OF THE ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS AND PARTICULARLY TO THE DEFINITION OF EXCHANGE RATES ESTABLISHED LAST MARCH. MOREOVER, FRANCE REQUESTED THAT THE OFFICIAL REPORT SHOW THAT FRANCE WOULD DEFEND ITS POSITION AT TOKYO."

3. AFP ADDED PARENTHETICALLY "THIS IMPLIES THAT FRANCE INTENDS TO BE PRESENT AT TOKYO." IRWIN

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